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Ms. Paula Kerger, CEO
Public Broadcasting Service
1225 S. Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Ms. Kerger,

I am writing directly to you to register our deep concern over a PBS News Hour report on a recent counter-terrorism raid by Israel in Jenin.

In case you are not familiar, the Simon Wiesenthal Center is a leading international Jewish human rights organization as well as an accredited Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) at the United Nations, UNESCO, the OSCE, the Organization of American States, the Latin American Parliament, and the Council of Europe. In this regard, we have received multiple complaints concerning this report from our constituents across the United States

The 7 minutes allocated to Special Correspondent, Leila Molana-Allen, should have been enough time to provide PBS viewers with a balanced and fair report on the action, addressing why it was launched, its impact on the residents of Jenin, who was killed in the operation, what Israeli forces found during the action.

In addition, nowhere in the report does Molana-Allen mention that Israel's raid in Jenin was aimed at disrupting the activities of terror organizations and thwarting the burgeoning threat they continue to pose to Israeli civilians and security personnel. Instead, the report largely portrays the residents of Jenin as hapless and innocent victims of Israeli aggression.

For decades, PBS News Hour has been one of the most respected and authoritative media outlets. News Hour is one of the reasons that the PBS continues to receive hundreds of millions of dollars annually from American taxpayers. The report from Jenin did not meet PBS' high standards of reportage, but instead provided a platform to fit pre-baked anti-Israel narrative that paints Palestinians as passive victims of Israeli ruthless attacks.

We urge PBS to launch an internal investigation of this highly biased report that instead of shedding light on a complex situation, presented an incomplete and at times false narrative. PBS News Hour should acknowledge the report's failings and consider doing a segment with the victims of terrorism that emanated from Jenin and thus give its viewers and the American people a complete picture of a complex situation.

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